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MRS. G. F. FRIEL DIES IN CINCINNATI

WIFE OF FORMER ASHLAND
NEWSPAPER MAN PASSES
AWAY.

The many friends of Mrs. G. F. Friel were pained to learn of her death which occurred Saturday night at nine o'clock at the Good Samaritan hospital, at Cincinnati, O., where she had been taken several weeks ago and where she underwent a serious operation.

Her critical illness has extended over a period of seventeen weeks and the best skilled physicians and the best trained nurses, in fact, all that human hands could do, was done, but the inevitable must come and nothing could stay the hand of death.

Several months ago Mrs. Friel was taken to the Mayo Brothers at Rochester, Minn., and then her condition was not counted serious. Though she had been frail for some time there arose complications about two months ago that baffled even the most learned physicians.

Mrs. Friel, whose maiden name was Ida Florence Wheeler, was the daughter of William Henry Harrison and Rhoda Anne Taylor Wheeler, of Wheelersburg, O. This town having been named for her ancestors who settled in and about there and have resided there for nearly a century. She was forty-seven years of age the 20th of this month, and was married twenty-seven years ago to G. F. Friel and since their marriage have resided the most of the time in Ashland and Catlettsburg excepting two years they were in Portsmouth, O.

Her family came near being eligible for about all patriotic societies. Mrs. Friel traces her ancestry to Nathan Wheeler, who has her great-grand father and who served in the Revolutionary war. Her father was in the Civil war and like the noted Nathaniel Wheeler, was as true a patriot as ever lived.

Mrs. Friel was truly a home woman, devoted to her husband and children, and she has seen these children grow to manhood and womanhood respected and honored by all who knew them. Gaylord, the eldest son, is employed at Wheelersburg in the Wheelersburg Mills as bookkeeper while "Billy" Friel is now a student at Vanderbilt College. The only daughter Miss Frances Friel, recently graduated from the Curry School of Expression at Boston. She has been with the mother at the home at Chaffee Place since she finished school and has been a great comfort to her. All during her illness she has been constantly at her bedside, day and night. She is truly a beautiful character and no parents could have a more dutiful and loving daughter.

The husband and sons, too, were constantly with her and when her condition grew critical both boys were called home and were constantly near her. In fact the entire family stayed in Cincinnati so they could be near her and watch any turn or change that might come over her.

In Mrs. Friel's death, this family loses its stay and comfort for they have looked to her, counselled with her and trusted her opinion in everything.

Mrs. Friel was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South and was a beautiful christian character. She respected all things sacred, and her entire family followed in her footsteps. She will be missed and mourned, for it is seldom one finds a noble character.

Mr. Friel and family arrived here from Cincinnati at four o'clock this afternoon and the remains were taken to her beautiful home at Chaffee Place which has just been remodeled and made one of the most attractive residences on the Catlettsburg and Ashland Pike. This home today is a model of neatness as she was one of the most beautiful and painstaking housekeepers we have ever known.

The funeral services will be held from the late home Wednesday morning at ten a. m. and will be in charge of Rev. W. M. Given, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South of which she was a member. He will be assisted by Rev. W. M. Wakefield, who has been a true friend of this family during their years of residence in Ashland. With the bereaved husband, the devoted sons and the loving daughter, and her two sisters and brother, the greatest sympathy is felt for truly she has gone out of the long journey across the Silver Sea, whose placid waves never yet "have borne the image of a returning soul."—Ashland Independent.

STATE TAKES ACTION IN CASE OF WINFREY.

Frankfort, Ky., March 23.—First Assistant Attorney General Charles H. Morris to-day filed a writ of prohibition in the Court of Appeals asking that Judge Davis, of Middleboro, be prohibited from trying the case of the Commonwealth against M. O. Winfrey. Winfrey married the chief witness for the Commonwealth and the question to be determined by the court is whether the wife can testify for the Commonwealth against her husband under such circumstances.

WILL GO TO PIKEVILLE FOR RESIDENCE.

By order of Commissioner Terrell, of the State Roads Department Mr. William McDyer will have charge of the district of the upper Big Sandy. This will necessitate a residence somewhere in the district, and Mr. and Mrs. McDyer will live in Pikeville, at least until June 1st. They will leave Louisa about April 1st.

A GOOD MAN GONE.

F. M. Moles peacefully passed away March 18, 1916, after battling with pneumonia for nearly one week. The physicians made the most skillful and heroic efforts ever made in this neighborhood to save their patient, but the disease was too powerful and their patient had to succumb to the ravages of the dreadful malady. Mr. Moles' wife died only one week previous to his death. She was 71 years old and had been in very poor health for some years. Mr. Moles was 75 years old, was a member of the G. A. R. He was also a member of East Point Lodge No. 657, F. & A. M. He was postmaster at this place for 18 years. He received such education as the schools of his youth afforded, as he grew up he improved every opportunity to extend his education that he might fill his place in life more perfectly. He was a member of the Methodist church and was ever ready to respond to the call of those who were in need. Mr. Moles leaves five children to mourn their loss, three boys and two girls: Frank Moles, of East Point, Jeff Moles, telegraph operator at Auxier and Lon Moles, telegraph operator at Prestonsburg, Mrs. Martha Johnson, of Hager Hill. The aged couple will be greatly missed by the entire community as they were ever ready to extend to all a helping hand. The dear home once so happy and where the children loved to come is now silent and lone, but we know the dear ones are in glory and we can only look to the dear Lord who does all things well.

Farewell, loved ones, for a season
On earth we'll meet no more,
But in that celestial city
We'll meet on the other shore.
East Point, Ky. A FRIEND.

MRS. OTHA ROBERTS DIES AT AGE OF 80 YEARS.

Mrs. Otha Roberts died Tuesday of this week at the home of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Martha Roberts. She was about 80 years of age and had enjoyed excellent health until about three months ago. Since that time her health has been poor, but her condition did not become alarming until a few days previous to her death.

Deceased was a native of Pike-co. Her maiden name was Adkins. She was the widow of Sinclair Roberts, one of the best known citizens of our county 30 to 40 years ago. She had lived for many years with her son Willis V. Roberts, who died two years ago.

The burial took place Thursday in the graveyard where Willis is buried.

WIND AND HAIL.

A big storm of wind and hail swept over Glenhays and vicinity last Monday. The store building of W. D. Fitzpatrick & Co., was damaged to the extent of probably one thousand dollars, and other property was injured.

In places the hail drifted to a depth of four inches. A team belonging to Lafayette Vinson became frightened by the storm and ran away, tearing the wagon to pieces.

HUSBAND AND WIFE DIE AT SAME TIME

AGED COUPLE GRANTED WISH
THAT DEATH COME TO
BOTH AT ONCE.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parker, each aged about 75 years, died within two hours of each other at their home on Cherokee, this county, last Saturday. A short time ago Mrs. Parker sustained a fall and it is supposed the cause of her death. They had been married a long time and it is thought that her aged husband died from grief at the death of his companion. Each had frequently been heard to express a wish that they would die together and at the same time, it would seem, therefore seem that Providence had granted their desire.

Mrs. Parker was a sister of the late Dr. Sparks, who for many years lived at the mouth of Hood. All these parties were well known residents of the Blaine country.

SEVEN CHILDREN DEAD IN ONE FAMILY.

Cleyer Couch, the seventeen months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Couch, of E. Front-st., died this morning, and if the father can make the necessary arrangements, his little body will be taken back to Lee-co. for interment beside the remains of her little brother, Samuel Couch, who was struck and killed by a motorcycle on East Green-up-av. last Sunday a week ago.

The baby, the last surviving child of the family, was a victim of paralysis and was practically helpless.

The Couch family moved to Ashland a month ago, the father having accepted a position at the coke ovens.

The dire afflictions which have befallen the family have deprived the parents of their seven children, their earnings, and practically all their household goods and clothing.—Ashland Independent.

FRAZIER ADMITTED TO BAIL.

In County Judge Clayton's court on Monday last Sam Frazier, charged with shooting and wounding James Dobbs with intent to kill, was held to the April grand jury in the sum of \$500. Frazier gave the bail and was released from custody.

The shooting grew out of a family quarrel near Gallup March 19th.

JAMES CHILDERS HAS CLOSE CALL FOR LIFE

SKULL FRACTURED BY PIECE OF
GAS PIPE IN HANDS OF
ANDY SEE.

During a difficulty which occurred at the chemical plant at Torchlight, this county, last Saturday morning about nine o'clock, Jas. Childers was struck on the head with a piece of gas pipe in the hands of Andy See thereby sustaining a fractured skull. The injured man was rendered all possible aid immediately after the occurrence, and seeing his condition and realizing the extent of his injuries he was as soon as possible placed upon a boat and brought to the hospital in this city. Mr. See assisted in the removal, coming to the hospital with him and helping him in every way in his power. The man was placed on the operating table where Dr. L. H. York, assisted by Dr. F. D. Marcum, who had attended him before his removal, removed a large piece of bone from the skull. The man remained unconscious for two or three days, but at this time has regained consciousness and according to the attending physician is doing as well as could be expected.

A short time previous to the difficulty Childers, who is an employee at the chemical plant, came into one of the rooms of the plant where Fred See, a brother of Andy See and likewise an employee of the plant, was in company with his brother Andy. It seems that Fred See has the custody of a quantity of alcohol which is used in the business of the plant. Childers, who all unite in saying, was drinking at the time, asked Fred See to let him have some alcohol saying that he had been sick and needed it. See told him that he could not let him have it, that he was drinking and that he had better go home and come back after he had become sober. Childers, so it is alleged, then began to curse Fred See, calling him all manner of vile names and threatening him. It was then that Andy See interfered and told him to let Fred alone. This seemed to enrage Childers, who began to curse Andy and to advance upon him, calling him names and striking at him. Desiring to avoid any trouble Andy tried to get out of his way and went the length of the room Childers following and striking at him, but not hitting him. Andy retreated as far as he could and got between two large tanks in the far part of the room, where there was a piece of gas pipe about four feet long. Thinking that Childers would cut off his head, Andy retreated being cut off he seized the gas pipe and struck Childers as above stated. Before the altercation occurred between Childers and Fred See, Childers had gone into the room of which Fred had charge taking with him another man, who, it is said, was under the influence of liquor. This was against the rules of the company and Fred told the manager of what Childers had done. The manager went into the room and put the intruder out. This also, it is said, contributed to Childers' anger. It is said that Mr. P. S. McConnell, one of the company, had urged Childers to go home.

On Saturday morning, as soon as he had seen Childers taken to the hospital, Andy See surrendered himself into the custody of Judge Clayton, County Judge. He held him in bond for his appearance on the following Tuesday. He furnished the bond and was released. On Tuesday morning the case was called and owing to the condition of the wounded man, an examination was waived and the defendant held in a bond of \$2,000, to answer at the next term of the Lawrence Circuit Court. He was arraigned bail.

County attorney, C. F. See, Jr., being a relative of the defendant, did not prosecute the case and attorney W. T. Cain appeared for the Commonwealth.

Jas. Childers, the injured man, is not akin so far as is known, to any one in this county, excepting to the relatives of his wife who is a daughter of Wayne Coburn. He came to this country about eleven years ago and was employed at the lock and dam at Chapman. He is a large muscular man and is said to be quarrelsome when under the influence of liquor. He is an excellent mechanic and when sober is a useful citizen.

Andy See is a son of Felix See, of Lick creek, is a well known young man of good habits and was never before, so far as this paper knows, in any trouble. He is a son-in-law of Billy Wilson, of this place.

GOLD IN ESTILL.

Winchester, Ky., March 28.—Simpson Cox of Estill-co., just over the Clark-co. line, discovered an old book in his home last week which had been lost for many years. In it is given the location of a "gold mine" on Happy Top, a ridge of that county. With a number of men Cox has been busy for several days sinking a shaft. With the oil boom going on in Estill and the prospects for gold in her mountain regions, land has taken another jump in the little county to each train. Cox claims that the book was handed down through his family, pioneers in that section, and they secured in from an Indian chief whose tribe mined gold in the early days of that section.

LICENSED TO WED.

Harry O'Bryan, 19, to Bessie Short, 18, of Wilbur, Ky.

Willie Vinson, 40, to Anna Williams, 19, of West Va. Married in office by Hay.

Grant Dooby, 22, to Zella Davis, 17, Isaac Deboard, 19, to Laura Hays, 17, of Georges creek, Ky.

William Thompson, 19, to Lucy Ferguson, 19, of Cherokee.

HON. S. S. WILLIS.

The announcement of Judge S. S. Willis, of Boyd-co., appears in the NEWS this week. He wants the Republican nomination for Judge of the Court of Appeals in this district, which is equivalent to election. Mr. Willis is a fine gentleman and an excellent lawyer.

The following is a resolution adopted by the lawyers of Boyd-co.:
Resolved by the members of the Boyd County Bar Association assembled at the court house at Catlettsburg, Ky., on January 11, 1916, that we herewith endorse, regardless of politics, Mr. Willis as a candidate for Judge of the Court of Appeals of Kentucky and commend him to the voters of the Seventh Appellate District as a man of splendid character, of scholarly attainments and profound ability as a lawyer and in whom the citizenship of the district can repose the fullest confidence with a firm conviction that no voter who casts his vote for Mr. Willis will ever have cause for regret.

REV. CHRIS. THOMPSON DIES IN CALIFORNIA.

Mrs. W. H. Sellbee, of this city, has received information of the death of her brother, Rev. Chris. Thompson, which occurred in San Diego, Cal., on the eleventh of this month. His funeral was held in the Methodist church of that city, where he had been pastor for many years. Burial was made in Los Angeles, where his widow expects to make her home. Mr. Thompson is survived by one son, who was born of the union with his first wife who was a daughter of Alley Arttrig, deceased, a well known citizen of Wayne-co., West Va. Mr. Thompson was a son of the late Greenville Thompson and was born near Fort Gay about fifty-five years ago. He was an able and well known minister of the Methodist Church South and has been heard in that church in this city. He was an uncle of Mrs. R. L. Vinson and leaves numerous relatives in this vicinity to mourn the death of a good man and faithful minister of the gospel. Mr. Thompson had been in poor health for several years. Shortly before he died he underwent an operation in the hope of permanent relief. This would probably have been the result but the physicians said that the anesthetic caused inflammation of the lungs which resulted in pneumonia and death. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson had expected to celebrate the 23rd anniversary of their wedding soon.

OPERATION FOR HERNIA.

On Monday last David C. May, of Whitehouse, was brought to the Louisa hospital, suffering from strangulated inguinal hernia. He was operated on by Dr. L. H. York and is doing well.

DEATH NEAR FT. GAY.

Sam Bartram died near Fort Gay last Saturday. He was about 65 years of age, and was a brother of Capt. W. C. Bartram, of Ft. Gay. Several children, all grown, survive him.

REV. OLUS HAMILTON RESIGNS HIS PASTORATE

LEAVES LOUISA BAPTIST CHURCH
TO ACCEPT A CALL TO
WALTON, KY.

At the regular morning service held in the Baptist church on Sunday last, the pastor, Rev. Olus Hamilton, tendered his resignation of his charge and asked that it be accepted at once. He gave as his reason for offering his resignation the fact that he had received and accepted a call from the Baptist church at Walton, Ky. Mr. Hamilton's request was reluctantly granted. His resignation came as a great surprise to the most of his congregation as before Saturday last only a few of them were aware of any intention on his part to go to another field of labor. Mr. Hamilton came to this pastorate nearly three years and has been very successful in his work in the ministry. The membership has largely increased and he has built up a Sunday school which is equal in its formation and conduct to almost any other of this denomination in the State. It is a graded Sunday school, conforming in every particular to the requirements for such a Sunday school.

As a minister Mr. Hamilton is above reproach in character, a good speaker, earnest and sincere in manner and is a good pastor. It is only truth to say that in this community he is regarded as a christian gentleman and that our people generally will part with him with regret. He and his amiable and helpful wife will take with them the best wishes of those who know them for their success and happiness in their new field of labor. Walton, their new home, is a thriving town in Kenton-co., not far from Covington. Mr. Hamilton becomes pastor of a 20,000 church and will have a comfortable parsonage as his residence. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton left Thursday for their new home.

WEATHER PLAYS TRICKS.

Paintsville, Ky., March 27.—A heavy rainstorm swept over Paintsville last night and was followed to-day by sunshine, rain, hail and snow in nearby sections, accompanied by thunder and lightning. The tide in all creeks is high and thousands of logs are passing by. The Big Sandy river is raising fast. The storm meant disaster to farmers, plowed ground being most all washed from the hillside.

CLINTON FORMATION FOUND IN KENTUCKY OIL FIELD

NEW POSSIBILITIES OF DEEP
SAND DEVELOPMENT ARE
OPENED.

Barbourville, Ky., March 26.—The discovery of the Clinton sand in Eastern Kentucky's petroleum fields opens up possibilities of deep sand development on a larger scale. A test well in Boyd-co., drilled to a depth of 3,200 feet, showed twenty feet of the Clinton formation, with a showing of petroleum. This, the deepest test ever drilled in Kentucky to show a petroleum producing formation at that depth, may be the forerunner of developments which will open a productive sand far below any now producing oil.

The search for production in the Berea grit, the deepest sand now showing a production in Kentucky, has been greatly stimulated by the constant advances in the crude oil market. Test work started early in the year is beginning to bear results. The most recent wildcat completion was a well in Martin-co., completed last week and showing a good yield below 1,200 feet. This well came in dry and was so reported, but when operators returned for an inspection, full of oil, the well having drilled itself in.

Wolfe, Morgan and Lawrence counties, developed fields in the deep sand area, have been making a little better showing in new production than formerly. In each of these fields late strikes are reported, small, however, in capacity.

Late results in shallow fields show a decided gain. The largest number of completions in the history of the field is credited to Estill-co. for the week, nine completions being recorded, of which only one was a failure. One well started out at 100 barrels daily, while a number of completions made twenty-five barrels each.

WADDELL IS URGED.

While Charles J. Howes, holding over from the last administration until his successor is appointed and approved by the Governor, retains the position of Assistant Secretary of State, no assumption of permanency is accepted in Republican ranks, and the selection of a successor to Mr. Howes continues to be agitated.

It is understood that William Dingus, of Prestonsburg, first named by Secretary of State James P. Lewis, was offered another post, but has declined. He was not acceptable to Gov. Stanley. Now there is talk of A. J. Sturgill, who resigned as County Clerk of Letcher county to accept a desk in the Secretary of State's office, being offered for assistant and Mr. Dingus being put on his desk if the appointment is approved.

In the meantime Robert Waddell, of Somerset, said to have been urged by Edwin P. Morrow for the Board of Control, is being pressed upon Secretary of State Lewis for the assistant's place.

TWO SHOT ON ROAD IN BOYD.

Ashland, Ky., March 27.—J. Collins and his daughter, Mrs. John Branham, were ambushed on a public road about two miles from Catlettsburg about 3 o'clock this afternoon, and both are at their home to-night, fatally wounded. It is believed.

Mrs. Branham told who she believed fired the shots, but no warrant has been issued and no arrest has been made.

Only meager details of the shooting were told by Mrs. Branham, who was weak from her wound and the shock. Her father was unable to talk. Mrs. Branham said a man jumped from behind a coal bank, beside the road, where he had been hiding, and fired at them without warning or an opportunity to defend themselves.

First aid was rendered Mr. Collins and Mrs. Branham by neighbors into whose house they were taken. Later in the evening they were removed to their home. At midnight both the victims were still alive, but very low.

It is said that a brother of Mrs. Branham will swear out a warrant to-morrow. In the meantime search is being made for the alleged assailant in West Virginia.

FIREMAN IS MISSING.

Ashland, Ky., March 27.—No word has been received from City Fireman Nelson Jackson, who has been missing from his home and the central fire station since two weeks ago Friday, when he secured a leave of absence for three days to go to West Virginia to try and secure the release of his brother-in-law, Sherman Hood, from the Moundsville penitentiary. After Jackson left the fire department the papers he intended to take with him were found in a drawer at the fire station. Jackson also left his pay behind, and this has been turned over to Mrs. Jackson.

TWENTY-THIRD CHILD.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Simpson, of Cemetery Lane, are rejoicing over the arrival of a 11 1-2 pound boy, whom they have named Charles Elmer Simpson. This is the twenty-third child born to this household.—Ashland Independent.

CORSET DEMONSTRATION.

Miss Edwina M. Myers representing the celebrated Gossard Corsets will give a demonstration of latest 1916 models at Pierce's store Friday, March 31. The ladies of Louisa and vicinity are most cordially invited to attend.

BORDERLAND FIRE.

The fire which occurred at the Borderland Coal Co.'s No. 2 plant yesterday proved to be one of the most disastrous mining fires that this coal field has ever witnessed. The fire broke out in the tipple shortly afternoon and had gotten under considerable headway before being discovered. A large crowd of men soon assembled and the fight to extinguish the flames began, but it proved to be a losing fight. The flames gradually extended and from the tipple they soon spread to the electric power house where the vast and costly electrical machinery, together with the building, was entirely destroyed.

When the flames once got into the chute through which the conveyor runs from the Kentucky to the West Virginia side, a heavy draft drew the fire furiously to the Kentucky side and for a while threatened the powder magazine located near the incline on the Kentucky side. The fire destroyed the incline up as far as the first headhouse. The commissary, located on the West Virginia side, is some distance from the tipple and escaped.

While the loss is close to \$75,000, it is almost entirely covered by insurance which we understand was placed thru a local agency. It is expected that the Borderland people will begin the rebuilding of this plant at once.—Williamson News.

THREE ARE DEAD IN EXPLOSION AT KIMBALL.

Bluefield, W. Va., March 28.—Three men were killed and twenty injured by an explosion today in the mine of the King Coal and Coke company at Kimball, W. Va. A number of the injured were burned beyond recognition and their condition is critical. The dead were W. C. Mann, white miner, and Wm. Abbott, slate foreman, and James Tucker, both colored. The explosion which was believed to have been caused by a shot from the solid was confined to a small area so that the mine was not seriously damaged. The injured were taken to the Miners' state hospital at Welch, eight miles from Kimball. The mine was opened in 1895 and employs several hundred men.

A fire followed the explosion but this has been extinguished and the mine thoroughly explored. When the explosion occurred the general manager was in Bluefield attending a meeting of mining men. He returned to the mine on a special train, taking the necessary men and supplies with him and picking up the state mine inspector and physicians.

PREACHING AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Rev. E. V. Cole, Supt. of the Pan-American Mission, will preach at the Christian church Sabbath at 11 a. m. Evening 7 p. m. Subject of the morning sermon will be "Looking unto Jesus." In the evening Mrs. Cole will also give some account of her mountain mission work in various parts of West Virginia and Eastern Kentucky. Everybody invited.

VANSANT REPORTED TO BE IN THE RACE

FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Ashland, Ky., March 28.—Rufus H. Vansant will be a candidate before the Democratic convention in Kentucky for position of chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, and if elected, as his friends believe to be certain, will devote the same energy to pulling the party together and carrying it to success that he showed in 1911, when he took hold of a disorganized party and carried the Democratic State ticket, headed by Gov. McCreary, to victory by a majority of 31,000.

This announcement, which will excite interest in every part of Kentucky, was given out by various of Mr. Vansant's friends, who called upon the Eastern Kentucky capitalist and business man, Monday evening. Mr. Vansant himself would make no statement other than it had been represented to him so strongly that, by taking this position, he could save the State electoral vote to President Wilson, that it would be hard for him to refuse. Mr. Vansant's friends consider the matter as settled and are already in correspondence with Democratic leaders in every county in the State.

Mr. Vansant, it is understood, will enter the race determined not to accept any political office himself and equally anxious to rid the Democratic party of factional disputes and put it in shape to win by deserving party success. The requests that he take the race have come to him from so many different elements inside the Democratic party, that Mr. Vansant is satisfied conditions are such that a large majority of Kentucky Democrats believe he can lead the party to success and that success may not otherwise be possible.

CHARGED WITH HOUSEBREAKING

Arthur "Fuzzy" Workman was arrested Wednesday night charged with breaking into a barn and taking therefrom some harness, property of D. J. Burchett, Jr. On Thursday in County Judge Clayton's court Workman waived an examination and a default of bail was committed to jail to answer the charge at the April term of the Lawrence Circuit Court. The arrest was made by Marshal Smith.